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**THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS**  
OF THE  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.**  
156 Fifth Avenue  
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

January 20th, 1912.



Mr. R.E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

**TRANSFER**

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

As he was leaving this morning, you may remember Mr. Low asked us whether we would be good enough to send both to him and President Lowell formal invitations to our Board Meeting on Saturday, the 27th. Will you and Mr. Williams see that they are sent?

I have dictated a memorandum covering what seemed to be the general mind of the Committee this morning, which it did not seem wise to formalize as yet, in order that we might be able to confer with Mr. Low and President Lowell with an open mind. At the same time, it seemed well to have an attempt made to cover Mr. Low's two questions which he wished us to answer. I shall send a copy of this to each member of the Board for criticism and as a basis of further discussion on the 27th.

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Very cordially yours,

*Robert Speer*

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A telegram was reported from Mr. A.S.Downing in behalf of the Board of Regents at Albany, stating that the amendment to the charter of the University had been approved by the Regents, the charter as amended now reading as follows;

In accordance with the action of the Board of Trustees of January 27th, and under the authority of the amended charter, it was voted to receive as members of the Board of Trustees the following gentlemen, elected by their respective Boards, the Boards having voted to join in the work of the Medical Department of the University on the terms proposed by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on *Jan 27 1912* Mr. Joshua Levering, as the Trustee of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Mr. W.H.Raymond as the Trustee of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.(South); the Rev. Ed. F. Cook, as The Trustee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and the Rev. J.F.Franklin, D.D., as the Trustee of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, the reception of these new members to be subject to the approval by the three Boards which founded the University, in accordance with the terms of the amended charter.

Mr.Speer and Mr. Levering presented the following Minute, which they had been instructed to prepare by the Board at its last meeting, and the Minute was adopted;

The Board of Trustees rejoices to welcome to the work of the University in the Medical Department, the cooperation of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.(South), the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and will be happy to welcome at any time the full participation of these or other kindred missionary agencies in all the departments of the work of the University, on the same terms on which the original parties joined in the union.

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In view of this enlargement of the work of the University, the Trustees feel that it is very desirable that there should be clear arrangements and understandings which will secure the unification of the property and work of the University, and with this in view the Trustees request that the new Boards cooperating in the work of the University through the Medical Department, and any other Boards which shall later join in its work, agree to the same principle which the three original parties to the union have adopted, namely, that all property titles be vested in the Board of Trustees, with the understanding that if any Board wishes to withdraw from the union the value of the property which it, as a Board, contributed on entering the union, may be withdrawn at the original amount of the contribution.

It is voted, further, to request the Board of Managers in Hanking to proceed in all purchase of property and all property developments of any sort whatsoever upon a uniform plan which shall cover the developments of the University and all its departments and affiliated schools and all residences of professors and teachers.

It is especially desired by the Trustees that the entire property of the University and all its departments shall be held by the Board of Trustees itself, if this can be accomplished, and that the whole body of land required by the University for its buildings and the residences of all its teachers should be held by the Trustees and not be divided under separate ownerships.

In case any of the Boards now cooperating in the work of the Medical School should feel unable to deed their properties provided for the School or the residences of the doctors in the School to the Trustees of the University, as provided for in the above resolution, such Boards be asked to give an option to the University of acquiring their respective holdings of property at the original cost price of the same, in the event of their exercising their reserved right to withdraw from the support of the University.

It is voted, further, to request the legal advisers of the three original parties to the union, namely Mr. Benton, Mr. Stiger and Mr. *Skidmore* who prepared the indenture by which the three original Boards transferred to the University of Hanking their rights in the property of the University, to prepare a suitable indenture, to be made by and between the University and the new Boards and Societies which shall join in this work, in accordance with the terms of the amended charter.

It was voted that it was the understanding of the Board of Trustees that the Boards cooperating in the Medical School would provide house accommodations for their professors, just as in the case of their other missionaries, and that such Boards be requested, in case they were able to build houses for their representatives on the faculty of the Medical School, to make such provision in accordance with the terms of the policy outlined in the resolutions just adopted.

The Committee on Bylaws reported that now that the amendment to

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the charter of the Board had been granted, it would proceed at once to complete the draft of the bylaws and to present the same at the next meeting of the Board.

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February 8th, 1913.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

You will note from the recent minutes of the Board of Trustees of the University of Peking that you are concerned with the following Committees, some report of which will be in order at the next meeting of the Board:

The Form of Diploma - Messrs. Speer, Diefendorfer, Williams.

Union Medical College - Messrs. Speer, Banton, Diefendorfer.

Union Bible School - Messrs. Speer, Banton, Diefendorfer.

Comprehensive Plan of Buildings - Messrs. Speer, Diefendorfer, Williams.

Financial Liability of the Individual Members of the Board of Trustees - Messrs. Speer, Williams, Diefendorfer.

I should be glad to meet with you on any of these Committees which concern me at a time which you may set if you will let me know in advance.

Sincerely yours,

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February 10th, 1912.

Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking acknowledges with gratitude your action communicated to the Board by Secretary Speer under date of January 30th, granting \$600 annually to meet the additional expenses of the Union University at Nanking.

The Board has asked me to communicate with you and desire that this money be made available to the University for its use during the calendar year of the University, i.e. January 1 to December 31st.

The Board would be very glad to have the remittance as early as possible in this calendar year on account of the extraordinary expense necessitated by the present situation in China. Remittance may be made to Mr. Russell H. Carter, Treasurer, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Mr. Carter was elected Treasurer of the Board at the last regular meeting on January 27th.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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February 19th, 1912.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
Secretary of the University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:-

I am in receipt of your kind favor of February 9th, advising me that the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking at their last meeting, held January 27th, 1912, elected me treasurer of the University to serve for the present year.

I thank you for this expression of esteem and shall be very glad to render such service as I can to the Board and to the University. As you will appreciate it, I am a little at a loss just how much work the disposition will entail, but will enter upon the work trusting that it may be feasible to carry this work in addition to that which I am doing at present, and assuring you that it will be a real pleasure to serve the work in this way,

Yours very sincerely,

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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156 Fifth Avenue  
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

February 27th, 1912.

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Mr. R.E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

Our Board has voted, in accordance with your request of February 10th, to begin its payment of \$3000. per annum to the University of Nanking, instead of \$2400., to date its payment from January 1st, 1912.

These payments have been made heretofore by our Treasurer in Nanking to the Treasurer of the University. Is it desired that henceforth they should be made to Mr. Carter here, or do you desire merely that Mr. Day should remit to Mr. Carter the sum of \$150., representing the increase of our appropriation for the University for the three months, - January, February and March - inasmuch as our Treasurer in Nanking would normally begin on April 1st to pay the University at the rate of \$3000. ?

I should think it would save Mr. Carter needless work if the three cooperating Boards would continue to make their payments as they have been doing, - directly through their Treasurers in Nanking to the University.

Very faithfully yours,

Dictated Feb. 26th.

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Feb. 27th, 1912.

Nanking

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer,

I expect to be at the meeting of the Trustees of the Nanking University on Friday afternoon. With reference to the five committees on which, according to your letter of Feb. 8th, you and I are serving together, as I understand we can report from some but not from all.

1. The Form of Diploma. If it is necessary to act on this matter now, or if it is possible for us to act without some recommendation from Nanking, I suggest that you and Mr. Williams prepare what he thinks will best meet the need in Nanking and we could meet for a few minutes before the Board meeting to consider your suggestion.

2. The Union Medical College. We shall have to report whatever we can say on the basis of the replies from the Boards to which we have sent our letter regarding the Medical College.

3. Union Bible School. Mr. Severance and I had a long conference yesterday with Dr. White on this and other subjects, but I think that there is nothing more that we can report than progress.

4. Comprehensive Plan of Buildings. We can report on this the completion of the drawing of the grounds. Further than that I don't know that we need to go now, do we?

5. As to the financial liability of the individual members of the Board - I understand that we are to incorporate some paragraph covering this in the constitution and by-laws which our committee is to prepare, but which we are delayed in preparing until we know just where we stand in the matter of our charter.

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Is there more to be said on any one of these points than this, or ought we to make in any one of these matters a more elaborate and formal report?

Very faithfully yours,

*Robert E. Speer*

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March fifth,  
1912.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

In reply to your letter of February 27 concerning the payment of the \$3,000 per annum to the University of Nanking from the Board of Foreign Missions, I may say that I reported to the Board of Trustees at its meeting on March 1st, that the Presbyterian Foreign Board was willing to date its payment from January 1, 1912.

The Board is willing that this money should be made available, at least for the present, to the University in Nanking through the regular channels of the Board of Foreign Missions. Thus the amount may be included in your regular remittance to your Mission Treasurer in Nanking.

The Board would appreciate it if a remittance of \$150 could be made to the University for the three months, January, February and March. This can be administered by your Treasurer in Nanking if you so desire it. Both of the other Boards have made their appropriations to cover the calendar year, January 1-December 31.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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## SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED FOR NANKING UNIVERSITY.

September, 1909.

Guy S. Speakman, Tyrone, Okla., support native worker, under A. J. Bowen, Nanking University. Continued. 20.00

Church, Elmwood, Ill., by Josiah B. Bartle, scholarship fund, Nanking University. 35.00

Epworth League, Hanna City, Ill., by Rev. Geo. Shepherd, support student, Li Tao-Nan, under A. J. Bowen, Nanking University. 30.00

Mary E. Lillie, 205 E. Oak St., Washington, Ind., for Theological student at Nanking University. Annual. 20.00

A. M. Wretling, 327 W. Fond du Lac St., Ripon, Wis., support student "Hu Sz Chung", in Nanking University. 20.00

October, 1909.

Epworth League, Franklin, Ind., by Don W. Nichols, 326 Sandusky St., Jacksonville, Ill., for student helper, c/o A. J. Bowen. Send all letters to Ralph Dobbins of Franklin. Gift will be continued if word is received regularly. 20.00

November, 1909.

Miss Carrie Glunt, 229 N. Plumb St., Union City, Ind., support native helper (student), under A. J. Bowen, Nanking. 20.00

January, 1910.

Y. P. S. C. E., Sunapee, N. H., by Anna D. Stocker, for the continued support of "Liu Yu Chein" in Nanking University. 20.00

Sunday School Class of Maud A. Price, Wellington, Kans., support "Liu Ching" of Nanking University. Continued. 15.00  
Received February, 1910.

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Ranking

April twenty-fourth,  
1912.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
B U I L D I N G.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I have read the enclosed letter which you have prepared for Mr. Sexton. I have no suggestions as to the manner in which you have stated the case. I think it reviews the items clearly and to the point.

Regarding the addition of the phrase, "The total membership of the Board not to exceed fifteen", I am wondering whether or not this satisfies the case. If the Southern Methodists should come in with full relationships, they would want three Trustees, and the Medical Department now calls for three new members. Thus these two additions exhaust the possibility of enlargement under your provision. If our Union Bible School scheme matures and if other Boards should finally come it, we would then have to make special application. In other words, your phrase merely reduces our application by one. My own feeling would be to close the paragraph of your letter on Page three which contains that sentence, with the statement, "Each one involving a considerable delay."

After seeking this counsel from Mr. Sexton and the Board of Regents, we can then come forward with our proposal. If you feel that you would like to change the letter, I shall be glad to see it again. Otherwise, please send it up by your Secretary and I will sign it.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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June 13, 1912

Mr. Martin Ross, Treasurer  
University of Nanking  
Nanking, China

Dear Mr. Ross:

Mr. Severance has this day sent us his check for \$350 - \$250 of this to cover Mr. Z. T. Ing's travel expense to Nanking, the other \$100 being in advance payment of Mr. Ing's salary for the coming year. Mr. Ing needed this additional amount in order to meet the additional expense of his travel across Europe instead of by the most direct route. Mr. Severance has agreed to assume Mr. Ing's salary for one year, Mr. Ing to receive \$1200 Mex. per year. and this \$100 to be a part of this coming year's salary.

We are all of us going to miss Mr. Williams. He is planning to leave Montclair now in a few days but what will be our loss will surely be your gain and we will rejoice in that he is back with you all and in the thick of the work so dear to him instead of here scouring the country seeking to interest some of us in the work that we ought to be interested in without taking so much of the vitality of such men as Mr. Williams to secure.

Very sincerely yours

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June 13th, 1912.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.



TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer,

I return herewith the letter to the Southern Methodist Board,  
which you kindly let me read. I trust that they may respond favorably.

I think you perhaps stated a little strongly the measure of  
assurance which we have as yet received that the Southern Presbyterian Board  
will take the same action as the Southern Baptists. I trust, however, that  
it may and have written at length to Dr. Chester on the subject.

Very cordially yours,

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*Robert E. Speer*

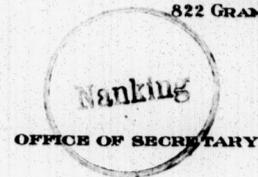
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July 16th, 1912.

**TRANSFER**

Mr. R.E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I am glad to report the following action of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Southern Presbyterian Church, regarding which Dr. Chester has just written to you;

It was voted that the Executive Committee approves the plan of uniting the East China Union Medical College and the University of Nanking under one Board of Managers on the field and one Board of Trustees at home, and that Mr. W.H. Raymond is hereby elected as our representative on said Board of Trustees.

This action is taken with the understanding that there shall be suitable representation of our two China Missions on the Board of Managers in the field, and also that the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions does not hereby assume any financial obligations for the university; nor for the East China Union Medical College other than those already assumed.

The right is also reserved of re-considering and annulling this action in case the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions should see proper to do so after further consultation with our two Missions in China.

I have the following letter, also, from the Rev. George B. Huntington of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society;

Your letter of June 19th to Dr. Franklin is at hand. He is out of the city just now but will be back within a few days. The question which you raise in your letter has already had earnest consideration on the part of our Board. We are somewhat embarrassed by the fact that our mission in East China took action unfavorable to affiliation with the medical school with the University. We believe, however, that this does not represent a permanent conviction and we are taking up correspondence to see whether they would not favor a single board of trustees as proposed in your letter and endorsed, as I understand it, by all the missions participating in the medical school except our own. Our Board has indicated their general approval of the affiliation subject to correspondence with our mission. If there is anything more definite that we can do, you will hear from Dr. Franklin regarding it.

Mr. Williams has since seen the Baptist Society, and he reports that they were most cordial in their attitude toward the union. Surely in view of

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their willingness to affiliate their theological schools, they should have no difficulty in bringing in the Medical School.

I have written to Dr. Sexton again on the matter of the charter and enclose, herewith, a copy of my letter, which you should have for your files. Pending our securing an amendment, however, ought we not to notify Mr. Levering, representing the Southern Baptists and Mr. Raymond, representing the Southern Presbyterians, assuring them that they can attend as de facto, even if they are not as yet de jure trustees ?

Very cordially yours,



Dictated July 13th.

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TRANSFER

June 19th, 1912.

Nanking

Mr. R.E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I have pleasure in reporting that the following action was taken  
by our Board at its meeting yesterday:

The President and Secretary were authorized to execute, in behalf of  
the Board, an indenture, approved by the Council of the Board, by and between  
the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Board of  
Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Foreign  
Christian Missionary Society, and the University of Nanking, wherein these three  
Mission Boards make over to the University, its successors and assigns forever,  
all the lands, buildings and equipment now used and occupied by the University,  
with certain agreements and understandings as specified in the indenture, a copy  
of which is filed herewith as Paper A.

Very faithfully yours,

*Robert E. Speer*

Dictated June 18th.

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September fourth,  
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Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
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My dear Mr. Speer;

I have received a letter from Mr. Sexton saying that he had placed before the Regents your letter dated at Diamond Pond on the 24th and that the Charter Committee agree to the proposed amendment of the Charter. The following is the draft of the amendment as completed:

"Other incorporated missionary organizations may, at any time, be affiliated with and made constituent, trustee-electing members of the corporation of the University, by the favoring vote of the managing boards of all of its then existing such constituent bodies; and each such so added constituent body shall be entitled to choose, as its representative, or representatives, to hold for a term of three years, an additional associate member, or members, not exceeding three, as the vote of affiliation shall provide, of the board of trustees of the University, and to choose, each three years, a successor, or successors, to such representative trustee, or trustees, to hold for a like term."

Later the Board of Regents regarded with favor this amendment and directed that the usual notice be sent to each trustee of the University of Nanking that a hearing of objections, if any, might be given at the next meeting of the Regents which will be about October 15th.

Personally, I feel that the proposed amendment which he has very cleverly drawn, will give us much more liberty than our plan heretofore. It will probably take as much time to bring about an addition to our Board as the manner first suggested by Dr. Sexton. Do you think we ought to send a communication to the members of the Board, calling

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attention to this matter, especially giving the Board our reasons as the Special Charter Committee why we think it ought to be adopted?

During your absence I received President Bowen's Annual Report to the Board of Regents and the necessary signed papers for the application of the degree of Bachelor of Arts for the four qualified students. Dr. Sexton informs me in another letter that these applications were passed on favorably and that these four men have been granted their degrees. I am asking Mr. Downing in Albany to withhold the issuing of the diplomas until we could communicate with him regarding a special form. I am glad that this matter has been settled in this way.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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156 Fifth Avenue  
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September 6th, 1912.

Mr. R.E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I was very glad to get yesterday your letters of the 4th, and to know that the Board of Regents had approved the form of amendment suggested by Dr. Sexton, embodying some suggestions which I sent him from Diamond Pond. It seems to me this will put the matter in good shape, and while it will be necessary for us to consult each missionary organization represented on the Board in taking on any new members, I do not believe this will take much time, and it is a prudent and just precaution. We can count without any doubt on the approval by the Boards of what their representatives do in the way of expanding the fundamental principle of unity, on which the University rests.

Under this amendment of the charter it will be necessary for us to get the approval of the Methodist Board, of the Disciples, and our own of the admission of the Southern Baptists and the Southern Presbyterians. Possibly we had better delay doing this until we are sure that the proposed amendment will be acceptable to our Board. I judge that we can count fully upon this, however, and I can without any hesitation give assurances now of our Board's approval of the admission of the Southern Baptists and the Southern Presbyterians.

When will the next meeting of the Nanking trustees be held? I have no memorandum of any date that was set for the Fall meeting. It might be

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well for you to correspond with Mr. Severance and have him fix a date. *ok*

Very cordially yours,

*Robert E. Speer*

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Sept. 20th, 1912.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

TRANSFER

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT

REC'D SEP 21 1912

ANS'D.....

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer,

I am not sure whether I have given you for your files copies of letters from the Northern Baptists and the Southern Methodists, which you ought to have.

Under date of June 26th, the Rev. Geo. B. Huntington of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, wrote me as follows:

Your letter of June 19 to Dr. Franklin is at hand. He is out of the city just now but will be back within a few days. The question which you raise in your letter has already had earnest consideration on the part of our Board. We are somewhat embarrassed by the fact that our mission in East China took action unfavorable to affiliation of the medical school with the university. We believe, however, that this does not represent a permanent conviction and we are taking up correspondence to see whether they would not favor a single board of trustees as proposed in your letter and endorsed, as I understand it, by all the missions participating in the medical school except our own. Our Board has indicated their general approval of the affiliation subject to correspondence with our mission. If there is anything more definite that we can do, you will hear from Dr. Franklin regarding it.

Under date of June 28th, the Rev. Ed F. Cook of the Southern Methodist Board wrote as follows:-

Your letter of June 18th addressed to Dr. Pinson was by him referred to me for reply just prior to his departure for the Orient. Replying beg to advise that our Board at its recent session approved the recommendation of the China Mission Conference to cooperate in the Medical Department in the University of Nanking, and made the appropriations requested.

We were not advised that we were expected to appoint a representative in the Board of Trustees. I would infer from your letter, as well as from your communication to Dr. Chester, that this step was expected. If we are to be granted such a privilege, and it is desired by the Board that we have a representative because of joining in this phase of the work, you will please be kind enough to advise me and I shall so inform the Board.

As you will see from this last letter, the Southern Methodists are ready to do just what the Southern Presbyterians and Southern Baptists have done.

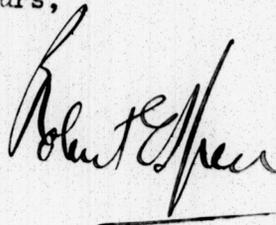
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Would it not be well for you officially to request Dr. Cook to have his Board elect a Trustee, just as the Southern Presbyterians and Southern Baptists have?

Very faithfully yours,

s/d

  
Robert E. Speer

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**THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
NEW YORK**

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

September 20th, 1912.

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TRANSFER

*File Nanking*

Mr. R.E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

Your note of yesterday is just received. I am perfectly willing to ask either Dr. Van Dycke or Dr. Jowett to write the prayer you wish, but I think it would be better for you or Mr. Hicks to write directly than to have me mediate your request. Either one of them I am sure would be very ready to do anything for you. Dr. Jowett is still abroad and will not be back until the first Sunday in October. I do not know whether Dr. VanDycke is at home or not, but you can always reach him at Princeton. If you think there is any likelihood of their needing reinforcement of your request, I shall be glad to write, or if, on further thought, you want me to make the request for you, I shall be perfectly willing to do it.

I do not know whether I can send you the Livingstone Prayer Meeting material this week. I have several other things that have to be delivered, but possibly I can, and if not this week I shall try to get it for you next.

At the meeting of our Board on Monday the following action was taken;

The Board approves of the admission of the Southern Baptists and Southern Presbyterians to the Educational Union in Nanking and the addition of representatives from these churches to the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking.

In view of the proposed amendment to our charter I thought it would be just as well to get this action from our Board so that there would be no delay involved later.

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Very cordially yours,

*Robert E. Stearns*

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September <sup>30,</sup> twentieth,  
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Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
Building.

My dear Mr. Speer:

In reply to your letter of September 20th, containing copies of letters received by you recently from the Northern Baptists and the Southern Methodists, I may say that I am writing to Dr. Cook, telling him to request his Board to elect a representative from the Southern Methodist Church.

Very sincerely yours,

Sunday School Secretary.

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October 19th, 1912.



Mr. R.E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

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My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I am glad to report the following letter just received from  
Mr. Huntington of the Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Boston:

I write to advise you that we have just received the report of  
action by our mission conference in East China at their annual meeting the  
first of September. I find that the Conference has very cordially endorsed  
the action taken by the Board of Trustees of the Nanking Union Medical College  
including the changes proposed in the constitution. This puts our mission  
in harmony with the other cooperating missions as to the matter of affiliation  
of the Medical School with the University of Nanking, with a single Board of  
Trustees in America. Our Board will not meet until November 20th when this  
action of the Conference will be reported to them but from their expressions  
previously made I have very little doubt that they will take favorable action.

I may say that we are very happy that our missionary brethren  
have been led to view the matter in this light and we believe that their co-  
operation with the institution on the new basis will be whole-hearted.  
I will advise you as soon as definite action is taken by our Board.

When the Baptists have chosen their trustee, we shall have in our  
Board, I suppose, the greatest illustration of actual unity in work that has  
ever been achieved as yet.

I have never heard anything further from the Board of Regents  
and trust that it may not be long before they will send us the communications  
regarding the amendment to our charter.

I have returned to your office the letter regarding the diplomas.  
I presume that is the best we can do, only I wish it were possible to have both  
diplomas on one sheet, rather than on two. We had better go ahead, however,  
without waiting further to get diplomas for the students who are entitled to  
them.

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Mr. Diffendorfer - 2.

Very cordially yours,

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*Robert E. Spurr*

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Oct. 24th, 1912.

The Rev. J. E. Williams,  
c/o Professor E. D. Burton,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Williams,

Your Day Letter of October 23rd from Cleveland was not received by me until this morning, when I got back to New York after two days' absence. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter just written to Mr. Severance, which will be self-explanatory. I have written also to Mr. Diffendorfer and trust that things can be pushed right along. Even if we cannot get a large company of people together, I think it will be very good to get as many as possible, and fifteen or twenty of the right kind will make the dinner well worth while.

Very cordially yours,

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Oct. 25th, 1912.



Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
N. Y. City.

**TRANSFER**

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer,

On returning to New York this morning after several days' absence, I found the following Day Letter from Mr. Williams, dated Cleveland, Oct. 23rd:-

After conference with Mr. Severance we suggest Nanking University Trustee meeting morning November eighth, to be followed by joint University luncheon or dinner same day. Cory and McLean can be present at that time. The Laymen's Meeting on seventh may bring Levering and Rowland. Confer with Chengtu representatives and Dr. Goucher and if agreeable have Diffendorfer call Trustee meeting and with the Chengtu people prepare lists and invitations. I shall be at Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, to-morrow morning for Burton's luncheon. Shall remain until Wednesday the thirtieth. Expect to arrive in New York morning November first. Wire me your action Chicago. Appreciate deeply your letters to Philadelphia. Have written them fully.

I enclose herewith copies of letters which I have just written to Mr. Severance and Mr. Williams, which will be self-explanatory. I know you will be glad to take up the matters that fall to you. I only wish that you or Mr. Williams could have been here the last few days to get the whole matter in hand earlier.

With kind regard, I am,

Very faithfully yours,

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Dec. 10th, 1912  
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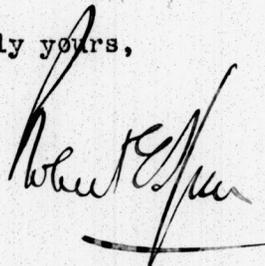
Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer,

Your note of the 7th was awaiting me when I got back to the office this morning. I received your previous note and have been simply awaiting an opportunity to write such a letter as the minutes of the Trustees' meeting appear to call for. I was present at the meeting, but did not gather at the time that I was to prepare such a letter. I enclose a draft herewith. I should think the same letter could be sent to each one of the friends mentioned in the action of the Trustees.

Very faithfully yours,

s/d Enc.



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December 11th, 1912.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Speer:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 10.  
I will send out the letter to the persons designated in  
the minutes of the last Board meeting. I thank you  
for giving me this form. With a little change I think  
it can be used as a basis of a regular acknowledgment.

Very sincerely yours,

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My dear \_\_\_\_\_:-

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, it was voted to express to you the Board's grateful appreciation of the invaluable help which you have given to the University. The Trustees have been greatly encouraged in going forward with the trust which has been laid upon them by the generous response which you and other friends have made to the unique call which has come to the home churches from the present wonderful opportunity in China. Nowhere is this opportunity larger or more inviting than in Nanking, and the cordial attitude of the Chinese and the unanimity of mind among the missionaries with regard to the University have been matched by the unprecedented spirit of cooperation among the Home Boards and Societies. Everyone whose interests touch at all the field of work of the University has taken up an attitude of complete cordiality and good-will toward it, so that we have now in the University and its affiliated schools the completest illustration of cooperation and unity in missionary work of which we know. This is one of many assurances to us that the blessing of God is upon the work. ¶ We are anxious that the full equipment needed by the University and the endowment required for its present work may be secured, so as to enable Mr. Williams to return to take up the equally important work of developing the interest and the support of the Chinese.

For all that you have done in helping to meet the needs of the present urgent situation, so rich in opportunity if we are faithful and otherwise so full of peril, our Board desires to thank you.

Very faithfully yours,

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December 14, 1912.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

My dear Dr. Speer:

On December 12th the Board of Regents of the State of New York revised the Charter of the University of Nanking. A copy of the amended Charter is appended herewith. You will note by its provisions that the approval of the three cooperating Mission Boards must be secured before the Board of Trustees can admit to its body the representatives of other Boards desiring to affiliate themselves with the work of the University.

The Board of Trustees requests, therefore, that your Board pass on the desirability of admitting the following Boards to the work of the Medical Department of the University of Nanking:

The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

These Boards have all agreed to meet the conditions imposed by the Board of Trustees upon those Boards entering the Medical Department, and have appointed representatives to the Board of Trustees. On receipt of favorable action by the three cooperating Boards, these persons will be admitted to the Board of Trustees.

We rejoice in the continued evidences of the blessing of God upon the Union enterprise in Nanking.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
NANKING UNIVERSITY.

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*Amended*

The official documents of the University of Nanking are the following:

1. Charter of the University, granted by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York on April 19th, 1911, <sup>again</sup> amended on December 12th, 1912.

2. The Constitution as adopted by the three Missions on the field and approved by their home Boards. A copy of this Constitution as proposed in August, 1909<sup>1</sup> is attached.

~~The Secretary of the Board of Trustees should ascertain whether this is the final draft of the Constitution, and should file with the papers of the Board of Trustees an official copy of the Constitution as drafted on the ground and approved by the three Boards in America.~~

3. The Agreement between the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. of the one part, and the University of Nanking of the other part, by which these Boards transferred to the University the property which they had contributed to form the University, as provided in the Constitution.

4. Such similar agreements as may be made between the University and other Missionary Boards joining in its work, as provided in the Charter as amended on December 12th, 1912.

5. Bylaws of the Board of Trustees. The Committee proposes the following Bylaws:

As specified in the Constitution of the University, the Board of

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Trustees shall consist of nine members; three appointed by each one of the cooperating Boards;

Three by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church,  
Three by the Foreign Christian Missionary Society,  
Three by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,

together with such additional members as may be brought into the Board under the provision of the Charter, these additional members being, at the time of the adoption of these bylaws, one from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, one from the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, one from the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and one from the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.(South.)

Article II. The term of office of one of each of the three original parties to the union shall expire annually, and each of these three Boards shall, at one of its meetings preceding the close of each calendar year, appoint some one to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of service of the retiring member. The term of office of representatives of other Boards joining in the union shall also be three years, the Boards which they represent to elect a successor at the expiration of the term of service of each representative.

Article III. Vacancies in the Board occasioned by death or resignation may be filled at any regular meeting of the Mission Boards whose representation has died or resigned.

Article IV. The duties of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, as specified in the Constitution of the University, shall be as follows:

It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees;  
(a) To hold all property owned by or leased to the University, in trust for the use of the institution; to invest and control all endowment funds; to transmit to the Board of Managers, at stated times and in such manner as may be hereafter agreed upon by these two Boards, the income from all

property in its possession, the interest of the endowment fund, and such other funds in whole or in part as the trustees may deem expedient or as may have been donated for special purposes. That the Board of Trustees shall have power to withhold the payment of any aforementioned funds, in case there shall be a departure on the part of the Board of Managers from the principles enunciated in the preamble of this Constitution; and if such departure shall continue, after written notification by the Board of Trustees, for more than one complete academic year, such funds, including principal and the undistributed interest, shall revert to such Mission Boards or Boards as shall have provided the same.

(b) To approve or disapprove elections to membership on the Board of Managers.

(c) Upon the nomination of the Board of Managers, to appoint the President of the University.

(d) To take appropriate steps for increasing the endowment and equipment of the University.

(e) If the President of the University, whether on account of inefficiency, maladministration, or for disseminating either publicly or privately, views out of the spirit of the preamble to this Constitution, be impeached by either the Board of Trustees or the Board of Managers, these two Boards shall have power, by concurrent vote, to declare his place vacant, and to proceed in the ordinary manner to fill the vacancy so caused.

Article V. The stated meetings of the Board shall be held semi-annually on the Tuesday following the first Monday in May and November.

Article VI. The fiscal year of the Board shall correspond to the calendar year.

Article VII. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article VIII. The officers of the Board to be elected at the meeting in November, by ballot if demanded by any members, shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Article IX. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or in his absence by the Secretary, upon a written request of two members of the Board.

Article X. There shall be a Finance Committee of three members, to be appointed by the President at the Annual Meeting, to serve for one year. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to supervise the

Treasurer, to audit his accounts, and to care for the investment of endowment funds, subject to the approval of the Board.

Article XI. These Bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees present at any meeting, full notice of the proposed amendment having been sent at least one month in advance of the time of meeting.

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